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FM AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

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SUBJECT: FINNISH BICENTENNIAL DELEGATION TO US

1. AS AMBASSADOR HAS MENTIONED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, THE FINNISH BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE IS PLANNING TO SEND A DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE THERE OF THE WORLD FAMOUS TAPIOLA CHILDREN'S CHOIR. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM THE FINNISH BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE THE LATEST ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS VISIT.

2. TEXT OF PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF THE FINNISH BICENTENNIAL DELEGATION:

A) SUGGESTED MEMBERS OF DELEGATION: MR. PAAVO VAYRYNEN, MINISTER OF EDUCATION; MR. ULF-ERIK SLOTTE, COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY (ASSIGNED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN HELSINKI); MR. JUSSI SAUKKONEN, CHAIRMAN OF USA BICENTENNIAL-FINNISH COMMITTEE, FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

B) PROGRAM:

MAY 10 - ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON D.C.

MAY 11 - FORMAL PROGRAM ARRANGED BY THE EMBASSY OF FINLAND,

AND AN EVENING RECEPTION WHICH ALSO THE TAPIOLA CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL ATTEND.

MAY 12 - COMPLIMENTARY CALL TO PRESIDENT GERALD FORD'S

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RESIDENCE -- DEPENDS ON WHETHER THERE IS ENOUGH TIME

FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

- PRESENTATION OF BICENTENNIAL MEDAL,

PROFESSOR EILA HILTUNEN (SULPTRESS

AND DESIGNER OF MEDAL) ALSO PRESENT.

-SONG SALUTATION BY THE TAPIOLA CHOIR.

TAPIOLA CHOIR'S EVENING CONCERT AT KENNEDY

CENTER. FINNISH DELEGATION PRESENT.

MAY 13 - VISIT TO FITCHBURG (MASSACHUSETTS) WHERE THE

FINNISH IMMIGRATION EXHIBITION IS OPEN.

MAY 14 - VISIT TO CONSULATE GENERAL OF FINLAND IN NEW

YORK, AND TOUR OF THE CITY.

MAY 15 - DEPARTURE FOR HELSINKI.

3. THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING HANDLED IN WASHINGTON BY  
FINNISH EMBASSY AND HAVE THE FULL ENDORSEMENT OF FOREIGN  
MINISTRY HERE IN HELSINKI. MINISTER VAYRYNEN HAS ADDITIONALLY  
ASKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING A MEETING  
WITH HEW SECRETARY DAVID MATHEWS. AMBASSADOR STRONGLY  
ENDORSES THIS REQUEST AND SUGGESTS THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS  
OF THE DELEGATION BE INCLUDED IN THE MEETING IF IT CAN BE  
ARRANGED. PLEASE KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF PROGRESS ON ALL  
WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS.

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